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EO 11652 : GDS  
TAGS : MASS MX  
SUBJ : FY 1977 FMS FINANCING PROGRAMS

REF : 76 STATE 305465 (DTG 162355Z DEC 76)

1. IN LENGTHY DISCUSSION WITH MEXICAN SECDEF EVENING OF 7 FEB 77, DATT WAS TOLD THAT MEXICAN ARMY IS PLANNING ON CALLING ON THE AVAILABLE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES CREDITS OF FIVE MILLION DOLLARS DURING THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. SECDEF INDICATED THAT THE ARMY IS INTERESTED IN PURCHASE OF LAND VEHICLES AND WEAPONS. IT WOULD APPEAR FROM THE REST OF THE CONVERSATION THAT THE SECRETARY IS SERIOUS AND WE CAN EXPECT SOME OFFICIAL AND FORMAL ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THIS MESSAGE IS MERELY TO ALERT THE DEPARTMENT AND ALL CONCERNED WITH MEXICO THAT THIS IS A LIKELY PROSPECT.

2. ADDITIONALLY, THE MEXICAN NAVY APPEARS INTERESTED IN MAKING USE OF AVAILABLE CREDITS AS WELL. BOTH SERVICES HAVE  
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BEEN ADVISED OF THE AVAILABILITY OF THE FIVE MILLION DOLLARS AS REQUESTED BY REF. NOW AFTER MANY YEARS OF SILENCE IT APPEARS THAT THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN MEXICO, ALONG WITH AN INCREASING INTEREST IN CONTROL OF THE 200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONE, INTERNAL ORDER AND OTHER DEFENSE RELATED MODERNIZATION, THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO IS GOING TO HAVE TO TAP THE CREDIT KEG IF THEY PLAN TO MAKE ANY SUBSTANTIAL PURCHASES OF MILITARY AND NAVAL HARDWARE.

3. SPECIFIC DATA REQUESTED BY REF WILL BE FORWARDED WHEN  
RECEIVED FROM HOST GOVERNMENT.

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